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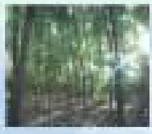
The fabulous girls

Cheska, Iya and Angel show us what funky female style is all about

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'Kubrador' seals

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Dappled light, cool breeze are attractions of weekend getaway

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Britney Spears

ditches panties as she parties with new best pal Paris Hilton



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'It was like a jumbo jet hovering over us'

By Gerald Gene R. Querubin
Inquirer Southern Luzon

SANTA CRUZ, MARINDUQUE—"SUPER DARKNESS, all we heard was an intense rumbling noise as if a jumbo jet was hovering over our house. Suddenly, our whole roof was ripped apart and blown away."

This was how Edison Tan, a resident of this typhoon-ravaged province, described yesterday

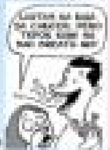
'IT WAS A11

Onion and garlic a day keep the cancer away

A BIT OF ONION AND GARLIC a day keeps the cancer away.

People who flavor their diets with plenty of onions and garlic might have lower odds of getting several types of cancer, a new study suggests.

ONION A4





FATHER AND CHILD. Pedro Malate and son Miguel survey the ruins and desolation left behind by Supertyphoon "Reming" in the village of Tagas, in Daraga, Albay, on Saturday as Mt. Mayon looms in the background.

Up to 700 feared dead

Mayon's deadly rampage puzzles local folk, execs

By Tony S. Bergonia and TJ Burgonio

PADANG, LEGAZPI CITY—NO ONE WILL PROBABLY know for sure how many lives were swallowed up in the torrents of volcanic mud and rocks unleashed by Supertyphoon "Reming" but the man who should know, Sen. and Philippine National Red Cross chief Richard Gordon, said the figure could reach 700.

Survivors of the disaster that struck this village of 1,480 people in Albay say they are certain many of their men, women and children still lie underneath the pile of boulders and volcanic sand that wiped out entire neighborhoods here.

"They're still under there... There are houses under there," said a man, pointing with his lips at what used to be a 2-kilometer stretch of road that debris from Mayon Volcano had obliterated.

Gordon yesterday visited some of the areas ravaged by Reming in its powerful strike at Albay and other provinces in the Bicol region on Thursday.

UP TO A13

Dionisio, Molina show promise; others falter

By Teddyvic S. Melendres
Sports Editor

DOHA, QATAR—TRAP SHOOTER JETHRO Dionisio and swimmer Miguel Molina provided the only bright notes in an otherwise discordant Philippine debut in the 15th Asian Games here Saturday by finishing among the leaders in the initial phases of their respective events.

Flyweight Violito Payla also became a source of pride for the Filipinos later in the day as he kicked off the country's boxing campaign with an easy 35-15 victory over Osman Akbari of Iran.

The 33-year-old Dionisio shot 23, 19 and 24 for 66 to rank seventh after three of five strings in the individual category of men's trap, just four birds off the pace set by Kuwait's Naser Meqlad, who scored 22-24-24 (70).

Molina, the country's most bemedalled athlete in last year's Southeast Asian Games, expended just enough energy to finish second in heat 1 of the men's 400-meter individual medley

DIONISIO A4

'There's a seed of heroism in all of us'

By Fe Zamora

HONG KONG—THE ICON OF Filipino People Power was the keynote speaker at the largest ever gathering of Asian heroes selected by Time Asia in celebration of the 60th year of the magazine's coverage of the region.

Former President Corazon Aquino, in bright red instead of her signature yellow, led 17 of the 60 honorees at an exclusive gala dinner held Wednesday at the ballroom of The Ritz-Carlton in this former British colony.

Aquino was among the four Filipinos honored. The others were Eugenia D. Apostol and Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc, Inquirer founding chair and editor in chief, respectively, and world billiards champion Efren "Bata" Reyes.

During the program, Time international editor Michael Elliott said the magazine had covered an array of heroes since it launched its Asian edition 60 years ago.

"It has been our privilege to encounter the most exceptional of them. We have many of them here with us tonight, and it is an honor to acknowledge the role they have played in shaping the Asia of our times," Elliott said.

Aquino, who was thrust into the political limelight following the assassination in August 1983 of her husband, Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., said in her remarks that heroism was "about courageously responding to God's calling."

Aquino noted that heroism was usually honored posthumously, and that "heroes" of a political cause often gained the stamp of heroism "immediately, whether they live to enjoy the distinction, or they die, igniting the courage of widows like me and the ordinary folk."

She thanked Time magazine for "reminding us that there is a seed of heroism in all of us."

Time, which covered Ninoy Aquino's final homecoming in 1983, also presented his widow with an original print of the photograph used in the magazine's previous covers.

Elliott said the transparencies had been the subject of "a fruitless search" for years, and were miraculously found only recently.

Apostol and Magsanoc were awarded for chronicling, in defiance of the Marcos dictatorship, the protest rallies that followed the Aquino assassination.

The two women jointly accepted their awards, thanking Imelda and Ferdinand Marcos "for making us realize our heroic qualities."

Youk Chang, cited for his relentless investigation of Cambodia's

THERE'S A4



CHAMP AND HERO. Billiards superstar Efren "Bata" Reyes raises a fist in triumph in front of the image of former President Corazon Aquino on the cover of Time Asia magazine.

GMA eyes Puno as SC chief

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO has made known to her allies her intention to appoint Supreme Court Associate Justice Reynato Puno as the next Chief Justice, a high official close to her said.

According to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity for lack of clearance to speak on the subject, Puno's appointment was necessary to ensure the tribunal's support for the Malacañang-backed plan of the House of Representatives to mount a "fast and push" for Charter change.

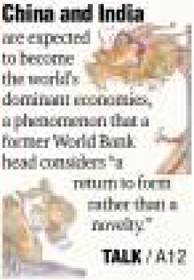
The plan is for the House to convene a constituent assembly (Con-ass) on Dec. 6 to approve the shift to a unicameral parliamentary government even without the Senate's participation.

"She (the President) said it would politically be very helpful to her if she appoints Puno," the source told the Inquirer.

Asked to explain, the source said: "It's just a euphemism for him (Puno) promising to support Cha-cha (Charter change)."

GMA EYES A4

WHAT'S INSIDE



China and India are expected to become the world's dominant economies, a phenomenon that a former World Bank head considers "a return to form rather than a novelty."

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Undefeated boxer 'Boom Boom' Bautista faces Andrade in Florida today

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'Nicole' ready for verdict, even takes gym classes, scans the classifieds

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UK scientists investigating the death of Alexander Litvinenko find two more polonium cases in spy probe

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Mike Arroyo to undergo heart procedure today

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WEATHER FORECAST

Second FRONT PAGE

Mike A to undergo angioplasty

FIRST GENTLEMAN JOSE MIGUEL "MIKE" ARroyo will undergo an angioplasty procedure this morning at St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City, according to his legislator-brother.



FIRST Gentleman Mike Arroyo

More care

Family kept quiet

No media stakeout

Low-key visits

Escaped suspected terror leader arrested

Cotabato judge slain

Burma chief will be absent from Cebu

Malacañang welcomes Meralco sale

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

'Nicole' ready for verdict, even takes gym classes, scans the classifieds



STUDENT activists stage a rally before the US Embassy to demand justice for rape victim "Nicole," ahead of the promulgation of the verdict in the case against the four accused US Marines on Monday.

RP kids suffer with exodus of health workers



More violent weather on way, says Greenpeace; Pagasa to buy more radar

Wake-up call

Better radars

Now-casting



HOMES FOR BULAKEÑOS

Typhoon topples 146 steel Transco towers in Bicol region

Lucena City folk pick up pieces, make most of what 'Reming' left



Corrections

RP wins 6 earth-saving awards in UK



THE DAILY GOSPEL





Efren 'Bata' on being Asian hero: Why me?

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Lucky 13

Still not a rich man

Tobacco control

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Crucial role

Onion and garlic a day keep the cancer away

Tumor inhibitor

For right price, one can have unprotected sex

By Desiree Caluza





Dionisio, Molina show promise …





RP pushes fund to get OFWs out of conflict areas

DOLE set to help OFWs readjust to life back home

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Opinion

No show?

AFTER THE FIVE MOST SENIOR ASSOCIATE justices of the Supreme Court failed to show up for their "public interview" with the Judicial and Bar Council last Wednesday, Sen. Francis Pangilinan reached a dramatic decision. The ex-officio member of the JBC said he would move to have the five justices—who were in the short list of nominees to replace Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban by virtue of their seniority—disqualified from consideration.

Editorial

"Based on our rules, if nominees do not show up for the interviews they would no longer be included on the short list. Rules are rules—they should apply to all," said Pangilinan, who represents the Senate in the eight-person JBC.

He suggested that the JBC had two options: To declare a failure of the process and source new nominations, or waive the public interview requirement altogether.

Actually, the JBC has a third option: To place the public interview requirement in the right perspective. And then settle with dispatch on the three nominees it will, per its constitutional mandate, recommend to the President.

A close reading of Rule 7 of the Rules of the Judicial and Bar Council, which concerns "personal interviews," suggests that the interview requirement refers in fact to first-time judges. Consider some of the objectives of the interview: to "assess their ability to express themselves, especially in the language of the law in court trials/proceedings and in their decisions or rulings." And "to evaluate their readiness and commitment to assume and fulfill the duties and responsibilities of judgeship." And, in a telling sign, the following provision: "The interview may be held or conducted outside of Manila."

Does Pangilinan seriously think that there is a pressing need to assess the ability of the five justices (Reynato Puno, Leonardo Quisumbing, Angelina Sandoval-Gutierrez, Consuelo Ynares-Santiago and Antonio Carpio) "to express themselves, especially in the language of the law"—a need, furthermore, that he thinks can be met only through a public interview? What does the young senator hope to accomplish in the allotted 30 minutes, a [illegible] recitation from memory of the Gettysburg Address?

Does he also think there is a need to evaluate the "readiness and commitment" of the five justices, the youngest of whom has already spent five years sitting in the highest tribunal, "for the duties and responsibilities of judgeship"?

The Rules themselves remind the members of the JBC that "it is not possible or advisable to lay down iron-clad rules to determine the fitness of those who aspire" for the judiciary (or senior positions in the Office of the Ombudsman). Thus we cannot understand why Pangilinan insists on a black-letter reading of one particular rule, even to the point of killing the spirit of the law by "disqualifying" five of the most qualified nominees.

We are not saying that no outsider should be considered for the position of Chief Justice; on the contrary, we have over the years supported the effort to fill the high court with lawyers from varied disciplines, even from outside the judiciary. We have no objection, per se, to politician-nominees (only a continuing reservation about particularly partisan appointments). We believe there may yet be equally qualified nominees from outside the Supreme Court who will brave the five justices with their company. And we certainly do not think that a personal interview is the only way to gauge the judicial philosophy of a potential chief justice. In fact, in the case of sitting justices, we have access not only to an articulation of a judicial philosophy, but its practice.

Does Pangilinan seriously suggest that, say, Justice Puno or Justice Carpio, or indeed any of the other justice-nominees, has failed to make their judicial world-view clear, or their "loyalty to law, justice and the ideals of an independent judiciary"—to the stilling language of the Rules—perfectly self-evident?

A public interview with potential chief justices would make good political theater, especially in a time of grave political crisis. But it is not necessary in choosing the new chief, wisely and well.

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Rewarding disloyalty

Separate Opinion

Isagani A. Cruz

A NATURAL-BORN FILIPINA NATURALIZED in Australia and repatriated under the Dual Citizenship Law of 2003 takes issue with my recent article where I observed that dual citizenship necessarily results in dual allegiance, which is considered "inimical to the national interest" by our Constitution.

She says dual citizens are contributing vastly to the progress of the Philippines and cites facts and figures to show the tremendous amounts of money they have been remitting to their relatives here as material evidence of their love for our country. The implication is that they have never really abandoned the Philippines despite their formal and sworn renunciation of allegiance to it when they transferred their exclusive loyalty to their adopted and usually more prosperous country.

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Commission on Elections. Tied by the ultimate subject of this column, a natural-born Filipino citizen who was naturalized elsewhere and repatriated herself under the Dual Citizenship Law. She was barred from voting in the 2004 elections for lack of the suffrage qualification of residence in the Philippines for one year and in the place where she was intending to vote for at least six months immediately preceding the election. [illegible]

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Advent, now

Moments

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

I HEARD THAT THERE ARE THREE SIGNS that show one is growing old. The first sign is when one gets to be forgetful. The second sign is ... what was it again?

* * *

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. In today's Gospel (Lk. 21, 25-28; 34-36), we are particularly reminded to be aware of the signs and to be vigilant at all times. While there is fear and anticipation, the overriding feeling should be that of hope and joy and we are urged to "stand erect, and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

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If God were to take you now, what would be the overriding feeling in your heart? The answer to the question depends on the kind of life you are living now.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to be really aware, prepared and ready for your coming. Amen.

Candor and humility

REVEILLE



Ramon J. Farolan

Funny and serious talk on sex

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

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China rising, India shining

'China has become a status quo power'

By Wang Gungwu

Liberalization

Power structure's continuity

Sons of Heaven

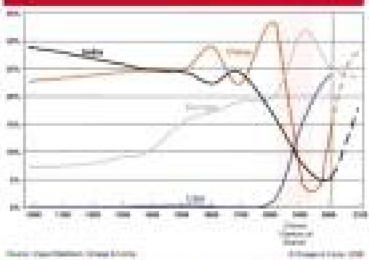
Social unrest

International stage

Identity crisis

Prepare for Chinese and Indian dominance

For Asians, the shift only restores the historic GDP balance



China rising ... but so are the risks

India shining ... but not all that glitters is gold

INQUIRER Mindanao

The Lumad fight against a power plant

EVEN FROM AFAR, THE SOUND WAS DEAFENING as the waterfalls crashed into the catchment basin below and exploded into large foams and mists.



Sacred place

Construction

Road network

Campaign

Disrespect

Flow of water

'I am hoping that it will not be pushed through as the gods want it. This is land given to us and I hope it will remain as sacred as it is'



Create Mayon Commission, GMA urged

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO IS BEING urged to create a Mayon Commission that would be tasked to come up with plans to stop the further devastation of adjacent towns and cities from lahar and mud flows and determine whether any of these population centers should be abandoned.

'We believe that the damage is probably second only to the 1814 millennium eruption of Mount Mayon which buried the entire town of Cagsawa and killed at least 1,200 people'



Donate salaries for 'Reming' survivors, groups appeal

Farmers, drivers, police forge peace on traffic issues in Halsema Highway

Girl needs help for heart surgery



ARMM stays fishing ban in Lake Lanao due to planktons

Not enough water added to Angat dam

Effects of El Niño

Tropical depression will do

'It was as if ...

Same sad story

Dead on arrival

In disbelief

Power blackouts

Lifetime savings lost



Up to 700 feared dead

Everyone puzzled



Reserved for the dead



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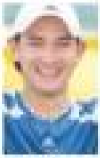
Tugade, Hontiveros shine for San Miguel

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—SAN MIGUEL TRIUMPHED for the third straight time while snapping a three-game Alaska run last night after prevailing over the Aces, 103-99, in an out-of-town game of the Talk 'N Text Philippine Cup at the Lagao gymnasium here.

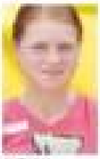
Quiñahan lifts Mail and More past Sista



Dandan cops tennis crown

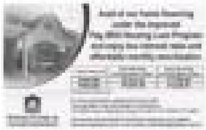


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A plus Metro



Facility treats Alzheimer's patients with TLC





Pastel bungalow

Memory loss

More understanding

Individualized care plan



Spanish angel of Pasig street children

TALES OF THE CITY



Very happy

Big decision

More classes

Helpful friends

Living with dignity





Makati City traffic policemen apprehend 64 'habal-habal' drivers

Atienza: No more checkpoints

Brazen holdup

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'KATAS NG TAIWAN'
She makes a fortune out of her bakeshop

By Kenneth M. Del Rosario
Contributor

DARLIZA PEREZ, 26, was once a factory worker in Taiwan. She came home after two years and put up a bakery with her earnings as initial capital in Cebu.

Factory worker

Off to Taiwan

Nicole's Delight



Sweet success

Engineer builds his family, business in Kuwait

By Kenneth M. del Rosario
Contributor





A good start

Helping hand

'I'm coming back home'

The WORLD

Protesters lay siege to Lebanon gov't

BEIRUT, LEBANON—HUNDREDS OF THOUsands of Lebanese heeded Hezbollah's call, flooding downtown Beirut to pressure the US-supported government to resign. But Prime Minister Fuad Saniora showed no signs of backing down in a confrontation that could tear apart the country.



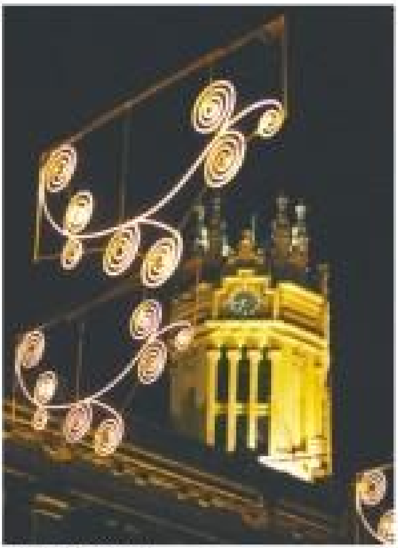
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Pope hailed for praying towards Mecca

Germany moves to sharply restrict public smoking

Malaysia's 'Snake King' dies after cobra bite

UK finds two more polonium cases in spy probe



IT'S HERE, READY OR NOT

Christmas lights illuminate a central street, three weeks ahead of Christmas Eve, in Madrid.

Amid catcalls, Mexico president is sworn in

Too much weight can result in too little money

World AIDS Day: Debates over abstinence, condoms



Sunday SPORTS





PAENG Nepomuceno bears the Philippine flag during the parade of athletes at the Khalifa Stadium, The Sports City in Doha, Qatar.

Crack bowlers aim to topple Asiad kingpins

By Ted S. Melendres, Sports Editor

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Molina proves pool worth

Crack...

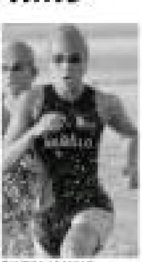
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China storms ahead

Wet, angry Pinoy athletes, officials

Triathlete Araullo races against time



SANDRA ARAULLO

RP chess players make resounding debuts

Bautista faces Andrade in Florida today



REY "Boom Boom" Bautista (right) and Giovanni Andrade pose with Bernard Hopkins after yesterday's weigh-in at the Hyatt Regency Place in downtown Tampa, Florida.

Mon's 'Tisoy' in Cebu; Terry's now an Ecleo

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

SPORTSWATCH

Espiritu tops UCAP-Aktivade

Big Dome hosts World Slasher Cup

Holigan derby unfolds Dec. 7

Iloilo, Manila booters forge title showdown

10th crown for Aguilar



AGUILAR

Woman Customs exec a dead shot on the side



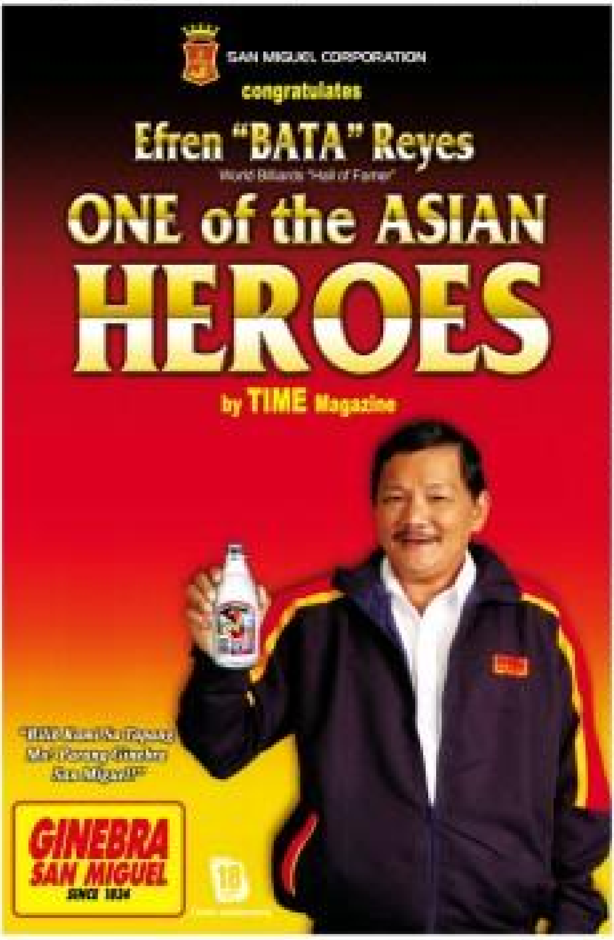
Sunday **SPORTS**



Mavs up win streak to 12; LeBron lifts Cavs

DALLAS, TEXAS—JOSH HOWARD SCORED 10 OF HIS 24 points in the first five minutes on Friday as Dallas got off to another quick start en route to their 12th straight NBA win, cruising to a 109-90 victory over the Sacramento Kings.

Pacman's former promoter in trouble



DLSU eyes sweep; UE takes on UST

Real Spicy favored

Sunday BIZ

Business Features Editor: Margie Quimpo-Espino



No dream too big for small town boy

Richard Ferrer shared meager family resources with 12 siblings, but he managed to go far

FERRER

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

MAKATI MEDICAL CENTER president and CEO Richard M. Ferrer was a small town boy who dreamed big.

He did so even if he knew that it would be almost impossible for him to achieve his heart's desires because he was the 6th of 13 children and his parents' meager finances were stretched thin.

Despite this, he achieved all, except for [illegible].

First job

Ferrer became a teacher [illegible], after getting a degree in English and Political Science from the University of Pangasinan.

An intelligent student, he completed his courses in three and a half years and spent the last semester in a law preparatory course, while teaching English and Political Science.

From there it was on to law school.

He [illegible] on it even if his father had warned him against being too ambitious as those who fly high fall hard.

But Ferrer had the brains to see his dreams through. He got a scholarship from the [illegible] Law School (then in Padre Faura) that covered tuition fee and books. To provide for his board and lodging, he worked at the National Media Production Center.

It was tough for a Pangasinense to do full-time work and study at the same time. It took its toll on his body although his grades remained high.

Two sisters who visited him saw this and took it upon themselves to ask him to stop working and they will instead provide for the board and lodging of their ambitious brother.

Good decision

They were not wrong in their decision—Ferrer landed 5th on the list of top bar examinees of 1977.

He worked for a couple of years with then top criminal lawyer Rodolfo U. Jimenez Law Office.

From law, Ferrer shifted to business, [illegible] of law. He worked with the Ayala Corp. starting as corporate counsel to managing director in 2001. In between he managed to earn a Management degree from the Asian Institute of Management.

He capped his 23 years with the Ayalas by setting up the first Honda Car dealership in the Philippines.

After law and business, it was time to pursue another dream—be a politician.

From 2001 to 2004, he worked as deputy executive secretary under the Office of the President.

But his political career was cut short by PLDT chair Manuel V. Pangilinan who pirated him from government.

Although he is CEO of Makati Med, Ferrer remains as first vice president of the Office of the Chair of PLDT.

"I was helping MVP in his particular and [illegible] involvements, except basketball, such as the PBSP (Philippine Business for Social Progress) and then MMC," he explains.

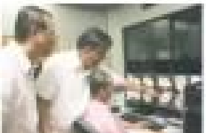
Debt burden

He was with Pangilinan from the first board meeting the PLDT head attended as a new MMC board member. Pangilinan was asked by the board to join in July 2004. By the time Ferrer was made president and CEO of the hospital, he already knew the ins and outs of the issues facing it.

"I did not apply for the job but I was totally prepared for it—construction, selling and marketing, changing of culture, IT—because of my experience in Honda. Except for one area—debt restructuring," Ferrer states.

Makati Med faces a P1.3-billion debt burden.

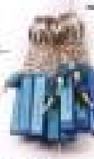
SEE DREAM B3



LOOKING over results from a 64-slice machine—one of Makati Med's new high-tech equipment

Creating inspirations from recycled wood

At 42, homemaker starts venture that earns a profit and helps the environment



Key holders







Colorful jewelry boxes for the young





THE FUTURE Makati Medical Center

How MMC is recovering from ICU

Lending to someone who may not pay you back

No dream too big for small town boy





HOT AIR Balloon Festival in Clark





GOLF in Subic

Rediscovering northern Luzon

Breathing new life into lethargic tourism industry to spur economic development

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

IT'S QUITE EASY TO IGnore the charms of northern Luzon.



ONE of the Hundred Islands in Pangasinan



HERITAGE Village of Vigan

Green tourism ready for the greenback

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon



NEW LOOK. From vintage Americana to a classic, more modern store, TGIFriday's will sport a new look at its newest branch at the Robinson's Galleria this month.



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Editor Emily Abrera-Fontanos



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HK Disneyland, here we come!

The bicycle and go-kart the kids wanted for Christmas? They were, by unanimous decision, waived in favor of Mickey and Minnie

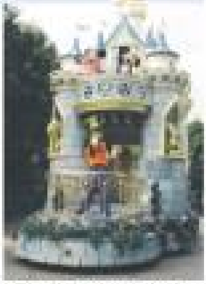


MICKEY Mouse, Minnie Mouse and Goofy lighting up the holidays

THAT SWEET SMELL OF cinnamon wafting in the air from Main Street to Sleeping Beauty's Castle wasn't intentional. But when you're in Hong Kong Disneyland for the first time, everything seems possible.

HK Disneyland, here we come!







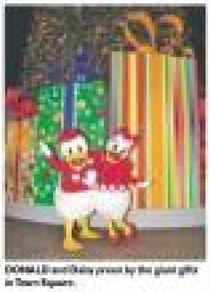
Good fortune





Perfect day









Holiday magic

Food treats

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DEPARTMENT of Tourism (DOT) Secretary Joseph Durano (second from right) recently met with Republic of Maldives minister of presidential affairs Mohammed Hussain (second from left) during the latter's courtesy call. Both discussed possible tourism bilateral relations and cooperation between the two island republics. Also in the picture are DOT Undersecretary for planning and promotions Eduardo Jarque Jr. and Dr. Mina T. Gabor, former Tourism Secretary and honorary consul to Maldives.

TOURISM FAIR
The 3rd North Philippines International Tourism fair was held recently at SM City Clark in cooperation with Regions 1, 2 and 3, and the Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR). It was organized by the National Association of Independent travel Agencies and co-sponsored by the Department of Tourism, Philippine Tourism Authority, Philippine Airlines, SM City, North Luzon Expressway, Casino Filipino, Superferry. Naita president Angel Ramos Bagasol (fourth from left) is shown with: Tessie Espadarda, Aurora Dee Bebefler Angeus Cordillo, DOT Region 1 director Ronaldo Tiotuico, Region 3 director Ronaldo Olivo, CAR director Purificacion Molintas and Baguio City Mayor Rey Bautista Jr.

Europe at a bargain

Experience Christmas in Vienna and other European destinations through Austrian Airlines. Travelers can explore Austria's capital city and tour Berlin, other stops as well, for as low as US$1,450++ for 10 days.

With Amadeus Express Adventure International at Travel Inc. (ABEX Al S), the airline presents the Eastern European Travel Package for $1,300++ that covers Vienna, Prague and Budapest. Travelers can take the Europe and Mid-East and four two additional destinations in Poland and Slovakia. Austrian Airlines, with Star Alliance partner Asiana Airlines, can take travelers around the world at a discounted rate of only $1,900++ on Economy. The packages and promos are available until April 30, 2007.

Call Austrian Airlines at 8929191 or ABEX-AATI at 8874888.

Sunday open house in Bataan property

Anvaya Cove in Morong, Bataan, held a Sunday Open House recently. Ayala Land Premier's first leisure development in Bataan gave more than 300 guests a preview of what the 320-hectare seaside community can offer. Ayala Land, the country's largest property developer, aims to create a sustainable sanctuary for both people and nature. Guests were briefed on the development's components such as Beach and Nature Club, and the planned communities The Cliffside, Mango Grove and Wood Park. Call 7587000 or visit www.anvayacove.com. Anvaya Cove has a marketing showroom at Greenbelt 5 Park near Valero and Legazpi streets, Ayala Center, Makati City.

Negros Occ. tour

The Biennial Cultural Tour of Negros Occidental (Visitas) is scheduled 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Dec. 9 and 16. Fee is P600 per person. Registration is at Jaro Laboratory and BloodBank, corner Lacson-Tiu Sts., Bacolod City, (034) 4346950. Romeo V. Balbarita will be the tour guide. Proceeds go to centers from Bacolod City, Jaro Laboratory and BloodBank, and Negros Occidental Cultural and Sports Foundation. Flyers are available at Jaro Lab.

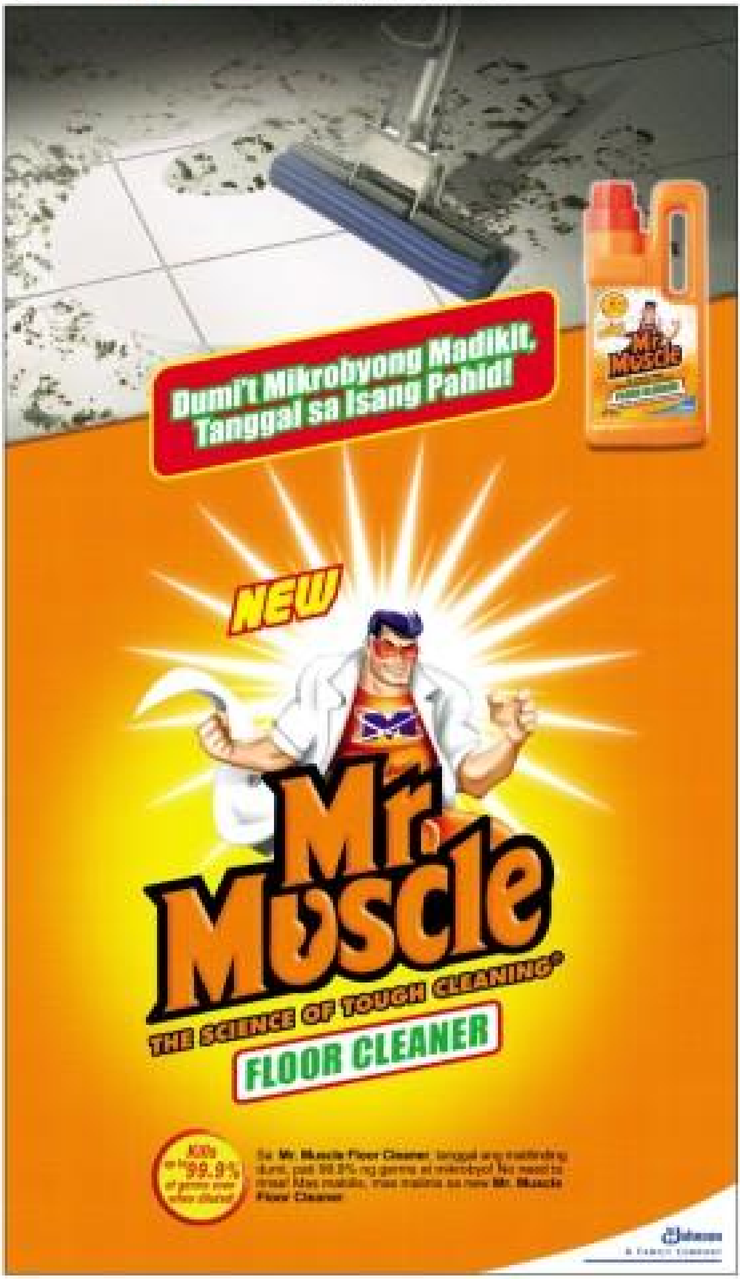
Miles program has treat for online bookers

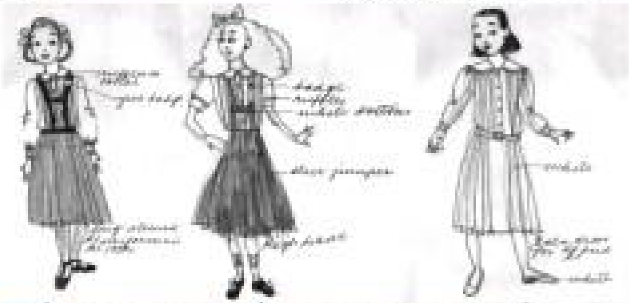
Skywards members will enjoy savings of 10 percent off when they book an Emirates reward ticket online before Feb. 28, 2007, on www.emirates.com. Providing the benefit of redeeming Miles from home or office, the online booking facility also enables members to check real-time flight status, select meal preferences, request seats, choose preferred payment and ticket delivery method, as well as customize their trip using a wide host of additional travel preference options.

Brian Lebbon, vice president of Skywards, said: "Now booked free offer allows members to fly further with their Miles, saving them up to 30,000 Miles in a single transaction. And with online booking, Skywards members are able to organize their travel details at their own convenience."

The offer is open to all Skywards members flying to Emirates' destinations and cannot be combined with any other ongoing reduced rewards offers. Skywards, the frequent flyer program of Emirates and Sri Lankan, offers three tiers of membership—Blue, Silver and Gold—with each membership tier providing exclusive privileges. Gold and Silver members are entitled to avail the priority for all classes of travel, priority check-in and airport lounge access. Members earn Skywards Miles, and Skywards Miles for every mile they fly on Emirates, SriLankan or partner airlines, or when they use the program's many select hotels, car rentals, financial, leisure and lifestyle partners.

Skywards Miles can be redeemed for a wide range of rewards, including free tickets on Emirates or SriLankan and other Skywards partner airlines, flight upgrades, hotel accommodation, excursions and exclusive shopping.







The way they wore



No one knew until now that St. Scholastica's school uniform was what got me interested in fashion design

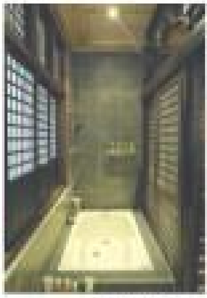


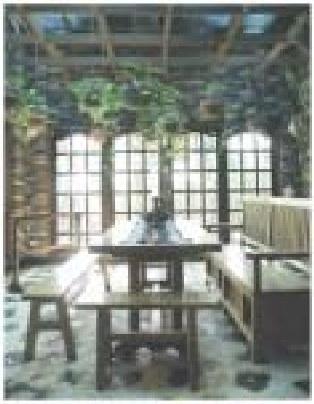


EL DORADO stones are used in the exterior of the guest house.

Let there be trees

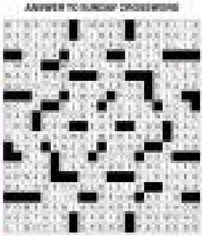








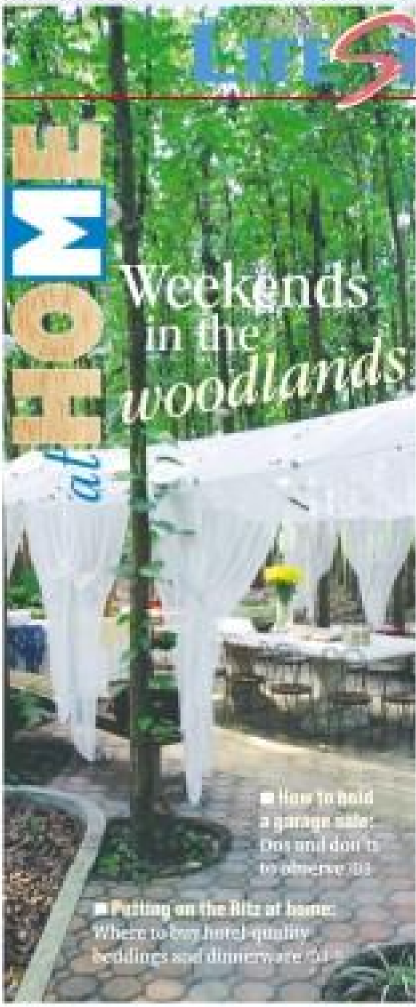
ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD





LIFESTYLE




HOME
Weekends in the woodlands
■ How to hold a garage sale: Dos and don'ts to observe /D3
■ Putting on the Ritz at home: Where to buy hotel-quality beddings and dinnerware /D4







HARK the angels sing in colorful sinamay dress and wings



PINK and orange flat abaca angels with flared skirts



A GOLD sinamay dress adorns this Christmas angel handmade from abaca fiber

Pinoy touches for Xmas

KULTURA FILIPINO TRANSFORMS best-loved traditional holiday symbols like wreaths, angels, trees and Santa Claus into world-class décor with Pinoy touches.

Crafted by Filipino artisans, they are fashioned from local materials. Wreaths are made from red, green and natural abaca fibers woven into ropes and braids.

Abaca tabletop trees are sprinkled with snow and treetop angels have delicate sinamay robes and wings.

Santa is made of polyresin in designer or candy finishes, handcrafted and hand-painted in Binangonan, Rizal.

The holiday décor collection is available at all Kultura Filipino outlets at SM Makati, SM Megamall, Mall of Asia, and The Block at SM City North Edsa.

The colors of Christmas



BRING CHRISTMAS TO YOUR HOME WITH a play of colors and themes from Our Home, the lifestyle store where one can get the great designs at great prices.

Ranging from traditional red and green to icy snow white and blue to opulent metallic shades, the colors of Christmas can transform your home into an elegant holiday showcase. More than that, they bring in the season's festive spirit into your home.

Red and green bring in Christmas cheer in a big way—think holly and mistletoe, wreaths and trees, candy canes and Santa images. Deeper shades of these colors, however, can make dramatic table settings with beaded fruits, silk flowers and holly berries as centerpieces. Or make your season's statement by arranging Christmas tree candles with rich red and green fabrics like velvet, silk, satin.

Icy white and blue are the colors of snowflakes creating a blanket of snow beneath a dazzling blue sky. Transform your room into a winter wonderland with cool centerpieces—snow white candles, chrome balls and beaded blue ornaments on a glass tray.

Metallic shades are perfect for dazzling holiday settings. Rich golden tree trimmings, copper pre-lit Christmas trees and opulent ornaments bring a touch of holiday elegance to one's home.

The collection is available at all Our Home stores at SM Megamall, The Block at SM City North EDSA, SM City Fairview, SM Southmall and the Mall of Asia. It also has an outlet at V-Mall in Ortigas, as well as in SM's provincial supermalls in Bacoor, Sta. Rosa, Pampanga, Clark, Lucena, Baguio, Marilao, Dasmariñas and Batangas in Luzon, and Iloilo and Cagayan de Oro in the Visayas area.

TOP: Gold, green, and red hues with ... a table setting of ... and ... vases accented with ruby dinnerware and green Christmas tree candles. Below: Icy blue, white crystals and chrome highlight this dazzling Christmas setup





A MONEY belt helps keep your cash safe while a price list clipboard helps you remember how much each item costs.

Learn some dos and don'ts from a professional organizer before embarking on this project



PUT UP your garage sale sign three or more days in advance. Indicate date/day, place and time.

So you're holding a garage sale?

By Kathleen Ong
Contributor

HAVING A GARAGE SALE takes a lot of work. When a client would talk about having one, I usually ask, "Are you sure? It's quicker and easier to just donate the items and be done with it."

But for those bent on holding one, here are some tips:

- Plan when and how to have the garage sale.
- Go through your house and find saleable things or items in good condition that you're tired of.
- Sort and price everything accordingly.
- Be present during the sale and haggle with people.
- Pack up the leftovers.
- Count money earned and hope it compensates for all the work.

The project takes a lot of time and effort.

A lot of details go into having a garage sale so it's important to keep things simple.

Dos and don'ts

On pricing:

1. Price by category (all pants P150, all T-shirts P50, all books P10). This is great for items you have a lot of, like clothes, books, compact discs or digital video discs. Pricing these items individually will not only drive you nuts but use up a lot of your time. Doing it ukay-ukay style can save you a lot of trouble.

2. Decide on different price ranges and group items into these price categories: everything on this box, P100, or all items on this table, P200. You can also use colored stickers and have a color-coded price list posted on the wall (all red-tagged items, P150; all green-tagged items, P80).

I would advise using the coded stickers for appliances or a few special priced items.

- Don't complicate the pricing. Stay with numbers that will make it easy to give change to. You don't want to confuse yourself or the buyer.
- Keep prices garage-sale friendly. Think about your market. If you decide you can do without something, let it go. You don't want your efforts wasted and have these things still at the end of the day.
- Check out store prices for items that have never been used. You don't want to overprice or underchange an item. The goal is to be able to haggle with both parties ending up happy.

On setting up

- Put up your Garage Sale sign three or more days in advance. If possible, put up signs on main streets, indicating date/day, place and time.
- Clean your merchandise and make it presentable. Avoid selling items that are cracked, stained or in poor condition.
- Set up tables or racks for displaying items (boxes or baskets for clothes, newspapers lined floor for shoes).
- Prepare plastic bags for buyers.
- Set up your items by category or by price.



PRICE by category (all pants P100, all T-shirts P50, all books P10). This is great for items you have a lot of, like clothes, books, CDs or DVDs.

- Have enough space so people can look at things comfortably.
- Have money for change.
- Use a belt bag for keeping money.
- Have a list of sold items.

Others:

- If you don't have enough items to sell, have another friend or relative join you. Set a deadline, but don't wait or wait forever for people.
- If you don't have the energy for the garage sale, "hire" your relatives or friends, giving them a percentage of the profit.
- Put items in a plastic bag after the buyer has paid. It's easy to get confused with all the commotion.
- Decide in advance where leftovers will go. You can donate them to charity or the Salvation Army (1414 Leon Guinto St., Ermita, Manila. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays).

If you do not care for a garage sale, take unwanted items to people who buy secondhand things (this is usually by appointment and the merchandise has to be worth their while). Many secondhand shops are on Evangelista, Makati.

Do have a pleasant time and do not be so uptight during the garage sale. It can be a fun experience for both seller and buyer.

(www.[illegible].com)

Food and gift fair ends Dec. 20

A PRE-CHRISTMAS FOOD AND GIFT FAIR is ongoing until Dec. 20 at the Eden Garden House, Manila Seedling Bank, Environment Center, Quezon Ave. cor. Edsa, Quezon City.

Over 150 booths are selling delicacies, fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, poultry, seafood, preserved and processed foods, *kakanin*, cakes and pastries, juices, wines, teas, oils, vinegars, dairy and pastry products, healthy organic foods, etc.

Livelihood training lectures, cooking demonstrations and on-the-spot games, contests and raffles, food samplings and tastings are being held daily for free on a first-come, first-served basis. Covered in the seminars are [illegible], bean-cooking, chicken galantine cooking, Dec. 3; jelly variations, Dec. 8; siopao, ensaymada, tofu-making, Dec. 9; spicy dills, fish galantine, Spanish sardines-making, Dec. 14; fish balls, tico variations, Dec. 15; cooking with herbs, Dec. 16; and preserved pickles and kimchi-making, Dec. 17. The fair is open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily.

Healer of sick trees

Dr. Isidro [illegible], a tree surgeon and forestry consultant, will provide a one-of-a-kind service through the Manila Seedling Bank Foundation Inc. (MSBFI) in Quezon City. A forestry graduate, [illegible] specializes in curing tree ailments, particularly those afflicting centuries-old historical trees.

The MSBFI also has tree-pruning, seed planting, and other services.

It has indigenous trees available for propagation (lagota, [illegible], mahogany, narra, [illegible], [illegible], kamagong, [illegible], Palawan cherry, African tulip and balete). Rare species ([illegible], kamagong, [illegible]) will be available.

Visit the MSBFI at Quezon Avenue [illegible] cor. E. de los Santos Ave., Quezon City. Call [illegible] or email [illegible] or visit www.msbfi.com.

Toys for young and old

FIND THE RIGHT GIFT FOR KIDS AND KIDS-at-heart at Toys "R" Us.

Located at the G/L Robinsons Galleria; lower ground floor, Robinsons Place Ermita; and ground floor, Robinsons Place Lipa, the store offers the babies and toddlers party [illegible], strollers and playpens, kiddie vehicles, activity toys plus Toys "R" Us exclusives such as [illegible], [illegible] stroller and [illegible] toys, [illegible] learning [illegible] and [illegible] umbrella stroller, among others.

Kids can have items from Disney Princess, Animal Alley, Fun Zone, Just Like Home, as well as an assortment of licensed brands.

Techie and educational toys include Lego, Imaginarium blocks, Leapfrog, Nintendo DS games, Gameboy Advance SP, TV games and Playstation 3.

For families there are PlayMate games, Uno Stacko and Cards, Tabletop soccer game, board games and more.

The active and sports-minded may like Busy Pit Hoop, badminton sets, Hop along Pony and Soccer Game sets.




SIMPLE glass plates in assorted shapes


SHINY cream and sugar servers


STAINLESS steel centerpiece for

Hotel comforts at home

Rustan's introduces a 'hotel line' consisting of high-grade items for the kitchen, dining area, bedroom and bathroom

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by [illegible]

YOU CAN NOW EXPERIENCE a semblance of hotel living—from dining with immaculate white plates to wrapping yourself in thick, soft terrycloth robes—without spending a fortune and leaving the comforts of home.

Rustan's makes this possible with the recent introduction of its "hotel line" consisting of high-grade items for the kitchen, dining area, bedroom and bathroom. The line, which includes stainless steel chocolate fondue fountains and serving trays, is initially available at its Makati and Shangri-La Plaza branches.

As the collection's name implies, each item is designed and produced to meet the stringent standards of hotels, restaurants and other professional establishments. Thus, apart from catering to the needs of the general public, the line is primarily aimed at satisfying the "home-grown" requirements of smaller hotels.

Rustan's gets most of its flatware from WMF, a renowned German company specializing in hotel and restaurant utensils. For its bed and bath line, it has tapped no less than the Shanghai-based supplier of the Ritz-Carlton hotel chain.

"These items are really meant for hotel use," said Frieda Lim, vice president of Rustan's Home. "They're stylish and more durable than the more expensive brands because they're made of high-grade materials."

The store's chafing dishes and various stainless steel containers, for example, are shinier, sturdier and more solid than the ones caterers normally use, she added.

Homemakers now have a chic but inexpensive alternative whenever they throw "spur-of-the-moment" parties. Rustan's hotel line of ceramic and porcelain dinnerware can withstand the rigors of constant use as well as perform much better than the more expensive brands, said Lim.

"They can now stop worrying and start joining the party," she added. "These plates are perfect for informal parties and weekend get-togethers. Unlike more expensive brands, they're not hard on the pocket should they break."

Apart from homemakers and working mothers, the products are also designed to appeal to a broad range of customers, which include newlyweds and swinging singles with limited time and budgets.

Durability aside, said Lim, today's consumers prefer clean, simple and white plates to elaborate and colorful ones. And should they want to switch from fun to shabby-chic, they can do so by simply adding a couple of irregular and colored pieces into the mix.

"The more [matching] look is out," said Lim. "It's really up to the host to mix it up. Dining at home is supposed to be a relaxed and casual experience."

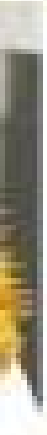
In Rustan's book, the same experience extends to the bedroom and bathroom. And with thick, fluffy towels and bedsheets just a swipe of the credit card away, people can now cease and desist the seemingly widespread practice of swiping such coveted items whenever they check out of a hotel.

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CHOCOLATE fondue fountain machine


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GENERIC LOVEMORE and sturdy flatware



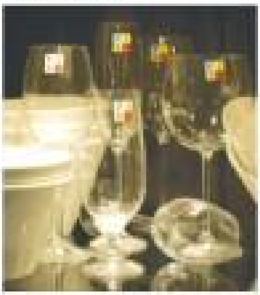
IMMACULATE white and fluffy bed and bath linen



...EL staples now within your reach include glassware and dinnerware



BREAD basket made of glass



LONG-STEM glasses

Sale at Italian furniture house

MOBILI ITALIANO is holding its Holiday Sale until Dec. 15.

Discounts of up to 50 percent are offered on Mobilier Italiano's brands such as SIIB, Le Dee, Gallo, Dreamtime Garden, Pietro Santo Villard and many others.

Items on sale range from crystal chandeliers to handcrafted clocks with complicated movements, Louis XIV-style bedrooms, dining and living room ensembles, wicker furniture, elaborate accent pieces, and more.

Mobilier Italiano's items come from the age-old furniture workshops of Italy that fuse art and function and integrate them into everyday living.

Mobilier Italiano's flagship store is at G/F Alabang Corporate Center, Km 25 West Service Road, SLEX, Alabang, Muntinlupa City (8425026). Its branches are at Glorietta 4 (8176948), Alabang Town Center (8505140), MC Home The Fort (8193281), SM Megamall (6354452), and SM North Edsa (4550167). Its showrooms are at Ayala Heights in Quezon City and Ayala Alabang.



ITALIAN hand-painted furniture is heavier in line and more emphatic in its decoration, as shown in this bedroom model of Mobilier Italiano's SIIB brand.



ELEGANT table pendulum with a well-chosen combination of mother-of-pearl background with shades of multicolored woods and 24k gold-plated unit.



FURNISHINGS at Mobilier Italiano add warmth and sophistication to every room.





Technology = refreshing lifestyle



Comfort breaks with Mikee

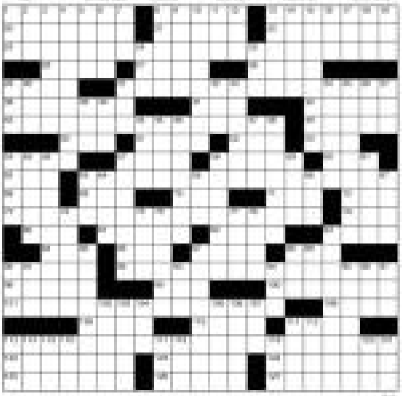
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Welcoming the 21st century

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

APART



Coffee big-shot hits Manila











Let there be trees

Dappled light, cool breeze and [illegible] collection are the attractions of this weekend home

SYLVAN SETTING: rows of tall mahogany trees [illegible]

Text by [illegible]
Photos by [illegible]

WHEN THEY TELL YOU this farm is tucked away in a small barrio in Sta. Rita, Pampanga, what they really mean is good luck finding it on your own.

It is best to ask a tricycle driver to lead the way from the town proper to the site in barangay [illegible]. The road is hardly [illegible]. You go past dreary agri-scenery, some of them memorable. And then there it is—a mahogany plantation waiting to enchant anyone willing to make the trip.

A businessman and his wife, both Pampangeños [illegible], own the farm. They bought the almost six-hectare property in 1992 after the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo, when most of their [illegible] were desperate to leave their [illegible] homes. "Without foresight, we wouldn't have reached this property," says the husband.

The couple put in the roads, which were eventually improved as farm-to-market roads by the local government and which they still help maintain today.

Their first choice was to plant citrus trees. [illegible] they decided to switch to mahogany.

"We planted our first mahogany seedlings during the rainy season and that was it. They took care of themselves."

Now that the trees are stunningly tall, there is plenty to please the senses in this secluded paradise. The mahoganies are the main attraction, of course, but there are as well [illegible] botanical beauties. Birds wake you up in the morning with their sweet songs. Kapampangan food is served under a canopy of white [illegible] in an alfresco dining area. A pool provides the water element. Fallen leaves litter the grounds, creating a [illegible] woodland ambiance, not to mention that they are biodegradable and don't cost a centavo.

In this private compound are a series of [illegible] houses: the first farmhouse made of coconut



PARTY guests [illegible] enjoy an afternoon at the farm.



TRAVELER'S ferns are the highlights of the landscaping around the pool. They get [illegible] support from royal palms, giant ferns and ginger plants, among others.



PAVERS cover the grounds not planted to mahogany. Royal palms, ferns and yellow and red ginger plants are favorite foliage.

[illegible] being converted into a full kitchen; the main family house, a guesthouse, a Balinese-style hut by the pool and an Ifugao house. The last, bought straight out of Banaue and reassembled under the shade of mahogany trees, provides the final note which draws the Asian theme together.

The businessman turned these structures into [illegible] for his collection of antiques and reproductions. "I like anything that brings back the past," he says.

The wife, who loves to garden, [illegible] through some tropical landscaping. "It's [illegible] work, but it saved us almost a million pesos," says she.

The couple started 10 years ago with 5,000 mahogany seedlings planted three meters apart. Today they estimate they have 14,000 trees on the farm.

"I'd plant them farther apart if I could start over," says the husband in hindsight. Why? Mahogany trees keep growing in girth as well as in height and have a tendency to crowd out one another and steal the sunlight from low-lying foliage. But you can still hug the trees growing on this farm today. Some of them are only four years old and quite slender.

Lay of the land

From the front gate an unpaved road leads to what seems like woodland, and then you come upon an area paved with concrete and landscaped with bamboo, ferns, palms and ginger plants. Ornamental yellow and red ginger plants [illegible] soften the [illegible] surroundings.

Under the shade of mahogany trees further into the property is an outdoor dining area where the family entertains, complete with [illegible] canopy. Cut flowers [illegible] and a set of old-fashioned [illegible] dinnerware.

"We have had theme parties here—[illegible] Japanese, Mexican, any old excuse to get together," says the wife. Her youngest son (two older sons are married and residing abroad) has convinced her to rent out the place for small private parties. She has a set buffet menu of [illegible]

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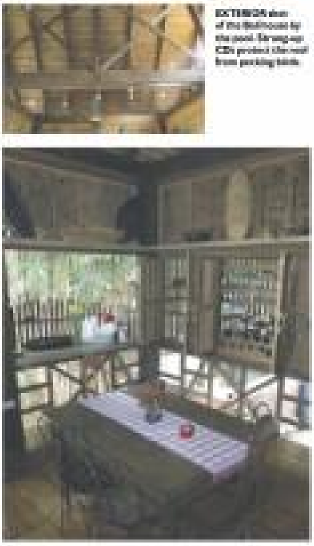




EXTERIOR shot of the Bali house by the pool. Strung-up CDs protect the roof from pecking birds.



OPEN Bali house overlooking the pool has daybeds for taking naps [illegible] San Fernando craftsmen.



RUSTIC interior and dining area of the main house.

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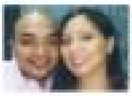
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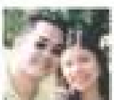
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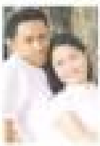




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Purely Personal
Josephine Darang

27th Intramuros Marian procession this p.m.

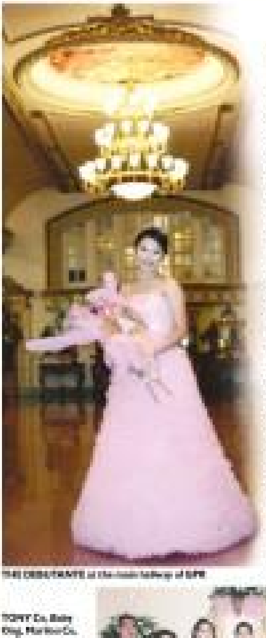




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Trivial matter ruins close friendship

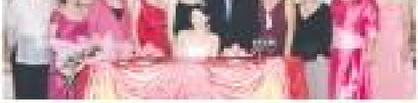
Rainy but memorable coming of age











Sweet gifts are made of these



VERTU at Luxuria Jewelers: Eleanor and Lingling Yao, Vertu PR Constance Chow, Vertu managing director Ranjit Wijeratne, Ivan and Rosie Yao and Vertu regional manager Eric Khoo.

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not bored. The core group of surgeons, doctors and dentists has impeccable credentials and many years of experience.

If you're not yet brave enough for the little nick here and there, at least check out the clinic's laser teeth whitening services—perfect after all the wine and food we'll be eating this season.

But surely in this modern world, the time has come to make the gift of beauty an acceptable one! What would your relative be if your loved one gave you a gift certificate to Beverly Hills STM? Why just smile and say "Thank you and Merry Christmas!"

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BEAUTIFUL people Fabio Ide, Bb. Pilipinas Lia Ramos, Christine Ocampo and [illegible] communications manager [illegible]


L'OPERA chef Monica Michel conducts the singing entertainment of his staff.

Bazaar offers native crafts & designer items

ALI MALL HAS OPENED THE ABSOLUTELY Christmas Holiday Bazaar at the Ali Mall Exchange (ground floor entrance near Rustan's Supermarket).

It offers Christmas décor, imported carpets and rugs, toys, scented candles, native crafts and other gift items at reasonable rates.

Also available at bargain prices are items from top labels including Bossini, Adidas, Bata, Freeway, Oxygen and Regal Sporting Goods.

Ali Mall's Absolutely Christmas Bazaar is open during mall hours until Jan. 14. Ali Mall is located in the Araneta Center. Log on to www.aranetacenter.net.

Month-long celebration

Festival Supermall offers a whole month of yuletide events, competitions, prizes and surprises.

Events include the gay beauty competition in a special Mardi Gras pageant hosted and judged by the stars of "Bilyar," Star's latest movie to be released Dec. 6.

Ongoing until Dec. 10 is the 2nd International Bazaar at the Carousel Court. At least 18 embassies and international organizations are showcasing their arts, food and crafts. Twenty trips to Singapore, two trips to Malaysia and other trips to international destinations are being given away. Kidz Lebarons holds a concert to close the event on Dec. 10.

The Loggiano Strings will perform Dec. 15, 16 and 21 while the Ecole de Ballet Manille will perform with the Manila Philharmonic Orchestra Dec. 16.

MD performs classic pop and jazz Dec. 17 while the Birdsright Foundation presents a Christmas concert Dec. 20. The Great Magicians Show will be presented Dec. 22.

On Dec. 23, kids can go around the mall for free goodies, capped by a Magic Show by Los Hilario. Another performance is scheduled on Dec. 30.

Call 8503116. Festival Supermall is at the Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City.

Christmas play

Westgate, the premier upscale commercial development of Filinvest Alabang, presents a series of Christmas events and activities.

Ecole de Ballet Manille presents a Christmas play Dec. 9 at the Cul De Sac.

Southside Cannon brings "Unicom Nights" Dec. 16-17 at the Arno Chavez parking area. It will feature musical performances by Keith Martin, Pikaso, Sound of Wisdom and other artists. Special appearances by the cop celebrities led by international artist [illegible] of the Black Eyed Peas are also expected.

A Christmas Fair will be held Dec. 15-30. It will feature bands, fashion shows, contests and fireworks display.

Westgate Alabang is at Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City. Call 8503314 or 8503515. Visit www.westgatefilinvest.com.


ECOLE de Ballet Manille performs a Christmas play at Westgate Alabang, Dec. 9.










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CHRISTMAS IS DEFINITELY in the air! What better way to handle the perils of holiday gift-giving than making a list and checking it twice? For the seasoned shopper, it's an easy chore. For others, the shopping season is a time for angst—playing the matching game with names and gifts, plus the inevitable, last-minute recycling for people you've forgotten just hours before Christmas Eve.



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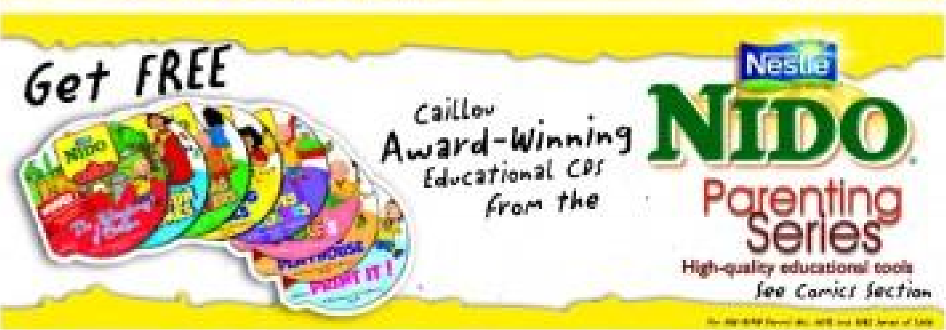
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KIM Perez shows off her Best Actress trophy in Arizona.

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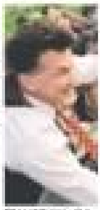
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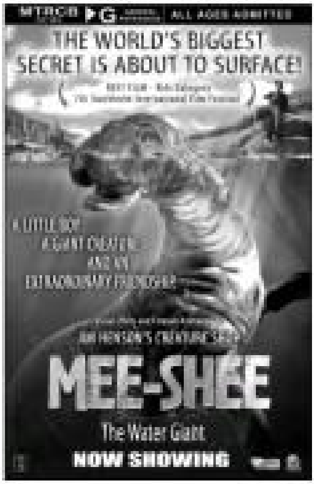


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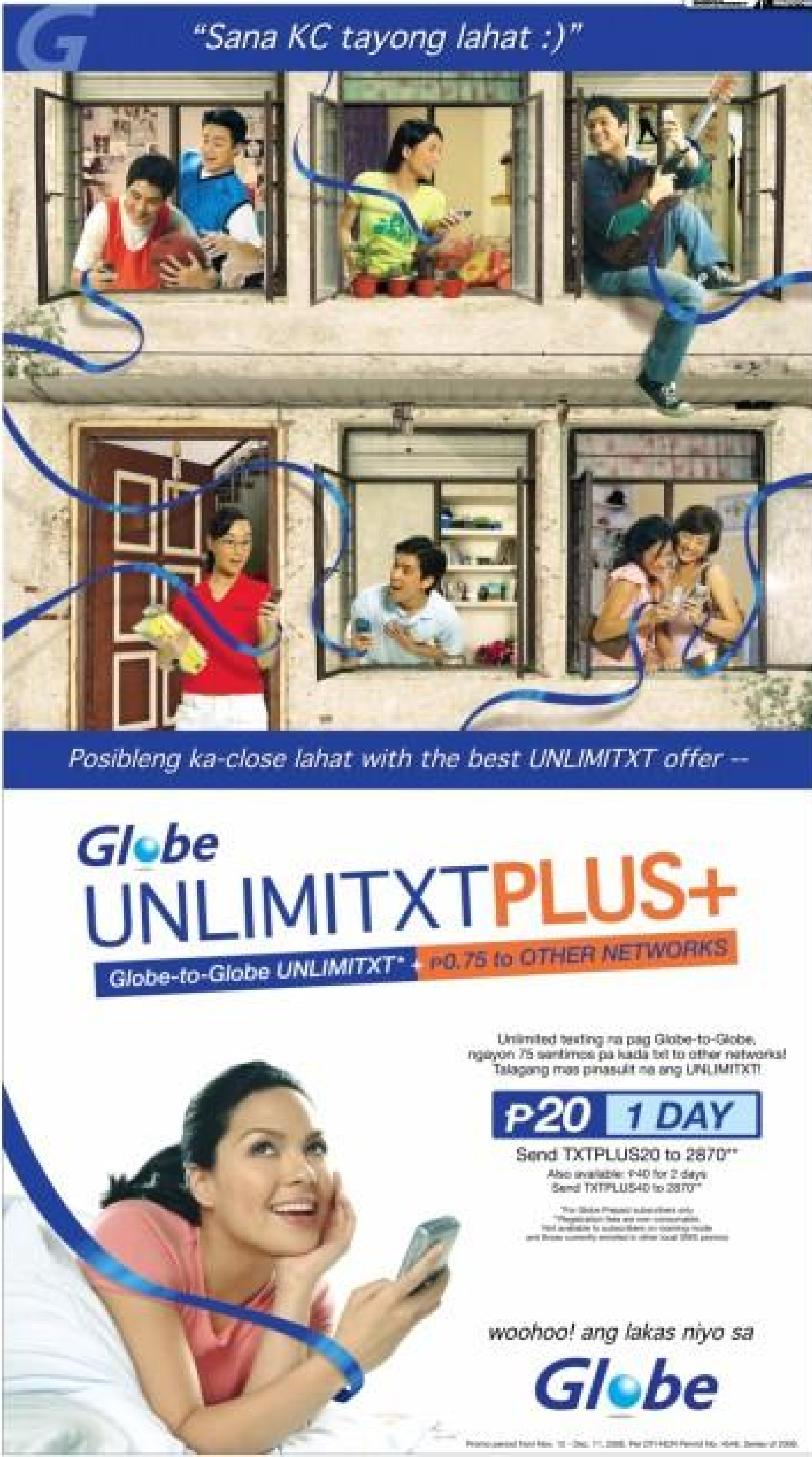
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...party-time with the man behind Borat—high five!

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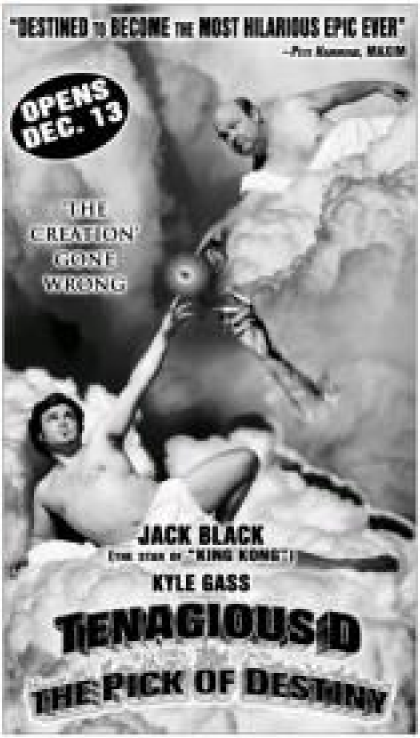


Ruben V. Nepales



SYLVESTER STALLONE reprises his roles as Rocky and Rambo.

Man behind Borat

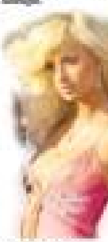




Britney Spears ditches her panties



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Lohan fires back



KATE WINSLET and husband Sam Mendes at the New York opening of playwright David Hare's "The Vertical Hour."



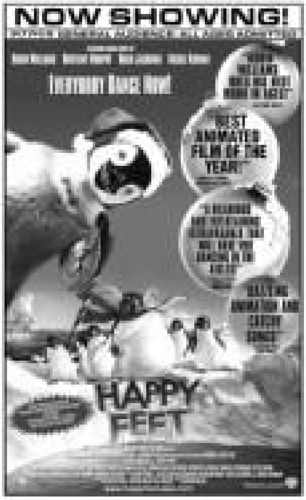
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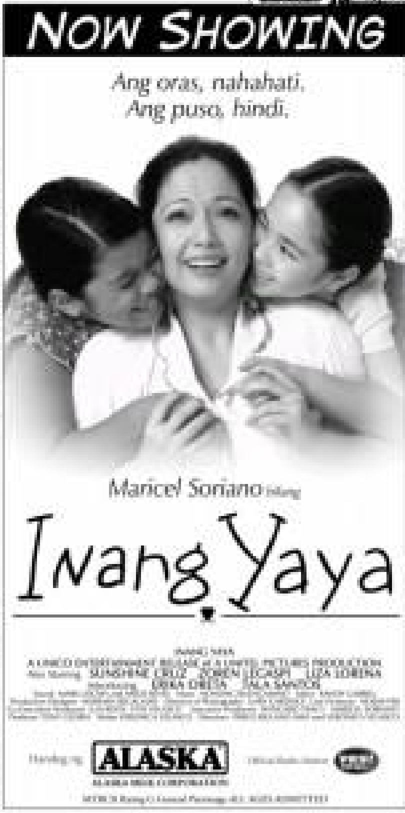


SEAN LENNON at the NY performance of Rachel Fuller's "In The Attic" at Joe's Pub.

Watch out, Manny Pacquiao— Rocky Balboa is back

> There may still be some box-office life left for this famous film champ









A SCENE from "Rocky Balboa"

Watch out, Manny Pacquiao– Rocky …

